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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S JULY 14 SPEECH ON THE U.N.

AND SWAZILAND'S PARTICIPATION IN OAU MEETINGS

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1. CHARGE CALLED ON MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MATSEBULA JULY 25, DELIVERED A COPY OF THE SECRETARY'S JULY 14 SPEECH, AND MADE PRESENTATION ALONG LINES REFTELS. MATSEBULA SAID GOS HAD NOT YET BEGUN ITS CONSIDERATION OF POSITIONS TO BE TAKEN AT U.N. SESSIONS THIS FALL, NOR HAD ANY DECISIONS BEEN MADE ON WHO WOULD ATTEND. ON THE QUESTION OF THE EXPULSION OF ISRAEL, HE SAID SWAZILAND'S POSITION HAD ALWAYS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE THAT PROBLEMS BETWEEN NATIONS SHOULD BE RESOLVED BY PEACEFUL AND DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS. IF ONE PARTY TO THE DISPUTE WERE EXLUDED, SUCH NEGOTIATIONS WERE CLEARLY IMPOSSIBLE.

2. MATSEBULA ALSO CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS THAT SWAZILAND'S DELEGATION TO THE OAU SUMMIT BEGINNING ON JULY 28 WILL BE
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LED BY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE A.K. HLOPHE (HLOPHE ALSO

REPRESENTED SWAZILAND AT THE 29TH UNGA LAST FALL). THE GOS DELEGATION TO THE OAU MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, LED BY PERMSEC FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MBONI DLAMINI, WOULD REMAIN IN KAMPALA TO SUPPORT HLOPHE. MATSEBULA SAID GOS WOULD BEGIN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF ITS POSITION ON ISSUES FACING U.N. THIS FALL AFTER RETURN OF ITS DELEGATION TO THE OAU SUMMIT.

3. IN RESPONSE TO CHARGE'S QUESTION, MATESEBULA SAID THAT OAU RESOLUTIONS WERE USUALLY ADOPTED BY ACCLAMATION. IN HIS VIEW, THEY WERE SIMILAR TO UNGA RESOLUTIONS; THAT IS, THEY ARE RECOMMENDATIONS TO MEMBERS BUT ARE NOT LEGALLY BINDING, LIKE SECURITY COUNCIL DECISIONS. AS HE PUT IT, "YOU CANNOT BE PROSECUTED FOR NOT FOLLOWING THEM."

4. COMMENT. GOS DELEGATION AT OAU IS LIKELY TO BE SEEN BUT NOT HEARD. MATSEBULA'S REMARKS SUGGEST THAT EVEN IF OAU ADOPTS A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL FROM 30TH UNGA, SWAZILAND WILL NOT CONSIDER ITSELF BOUND BY IT.
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